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REMARKS

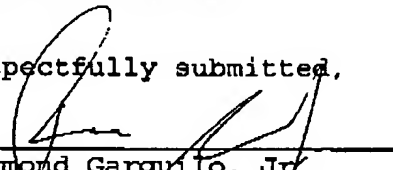
The amendment enclosed herewith is submitted in response to the Official Communication mailed September 5, 2006. No new matter has been added to the specification as a result of this amendment. But rather, the specification includes a discussion regarding FIGS. 8aa-8dd.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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